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To: Niemi, Cheryl (ECY)

Subject: RE: Department of Ecology hosts workshop Aug. 28 on revised approach for Reducing Toxics In Fish, Shellfish,

Sediment, and Water

Date: Thursday, August 16, 2012 12:40:43 PM

Thanks Cheryl. I'll plan on attending the Bellevue workshop. Angela may also attend.

I'm in tomorrow and all of next week (except for Tuesday). Feel free to give me a call when it's convenient for you.

Thanks,

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"Niemi, Cheryl (ECY)" ---08/16/2012 12:01:31 PM---Matt – it would be great if you could attend – the Bellevue office would be fine. This is going to

From: "Niemi, Cheryl (ECY)" <cnie461@ECY.WA.GOV>
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Date: 08/16/2012 12:01 PM

Subject: RE: Department of Ecology hosts workshop Aug. 28 on revised approach for Reducing Toxics In Fish, Shellfish, Sediment, and Water

Matt – it would be great if you could attend – the Bellevue office would be fine. This is going to be a meeting to explain the "pivot", and where the agency is currently going, with about an hour set aside for me to talk about the human health criteria stuff. Been meaning to touch base with you about everything going on here. Maybe we can talk tomorrow or early next week (I am out on Monday)?

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From: Matthew Szelag [mailto:Szelag.Matthew@epamail.epa.gov]

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To: Niemi, Cheryl (ECY)

Subject: Fw: Department of Ecology hosts workshop Aug. 28 on revised approach for Reducing Toxics

In Fish, Shellfish, Sediment, and Water

Hi Cheryl,

Is something you'd like me to attend? If yes, would it be okay if I attend the workshop at the Bellevue office?

I see the SMS went out for public comment today too.

Thanks, Matt

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Water

Sent by: News and Information about water quality from the Department of Ecology < ECOLOGY-WATER-QUALITY-

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On July 16, 2012, Department of Ecology Director Ted Sturdevant announced a revised approach for updating the state's fish consumption rates for water quality and cleaning up contaminated sediments. View Director Sturdevant's letter and a timeline for Ecology's work here: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/toxics/docs/20120716 FCR SturdevantLetter.pdf.

Ecology invites interested parties to attend a video conference workshop from 1-5 p.m., on Tuesday, August 28, 2012, at Ecology's regional offices in Lacey, Bellevue, Yakima and Spokane. The workshop will provide an in-depth explanation of Ecology's current approach.

Workshop topics include updates on:

- Ecology's toxic reduction strategy.
- Toxic Cleanup Program's sediment management standards rule making.
- Ecology's fish consumption rate technical document.
- Water Quality Program's water quality standards rule makings.

As part of this revised approach, Ecology's Water Quality Program intends to move forward with adopting new human health criteria for surface water quality. An informational session on human health criteria will be included in the workshop.

Seating is limited. Please RSVP at swqs@ecy.wa.gov.

Learn about future public involvement opportunities and read more about the process ahead at:

Reducing Toxics in Fish, Sediments and Water: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/toxics/fish.html

Workshop Information:

Date: August 28, 2012

Time: 1 -5 p.m.

Headquarters Office Room: R0A-32/34/36 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 (<u>Directions</u>)

Central Regional Office

Room: 204 A

15 W. Yakima Ave., Ste 200

Yakima, WA 98902

(Directions)

Eastern Regional Office

Room: 1-NW-18 N. 4601 Monroe Spokane, WA 99205-1295 (<u>Directions</u>)

Northwest Regional Office

Room: 2A&B

3190 - 160th Ave. SE

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